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In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked up version appears on a separate paper pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121.

- (Thrice Amended) A composition comprising a first member of a binding pair attached to fluorescein and a second member of the binding pair attached to cyanine 5, wherein the first and second members of the binding pair are associated so that the fluorescein and cyanine 5 are in fluorescence resonance energy transfer proximity to each other, and wherein for at least one member of the binding pair said attachment is indirect.
- 27. (Twice Amended) The composition of claim 26, wherein the first member of the binding pair is directly attached to fluorescein.
- 47. (Amended) The composition of claim 26, wherein the second member of the binding pair is directly attached to cyanine 5.
- 48. (New) The composition of claim 26, wherein said indirect attachment is effected through a linking moiety selected from the group consisting of an antibody, antibody fragment, biotin and streptavidin.



